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# Star Struck

Not Just For Christmas

Curious Coco Study (Beaded Star from The White Company - Styled by Polly)

**One trend that has staying power (other than pineapples, which I thought would last a season - who knew) are stars. Following on from white hearts, stars have an ethereal, magical quality that evokes peace and joy....**

**T**hey have long been associated with mythology, spirituality and religious iconography, as well as representing many a lost loved one. Perhaps this is why, in its many forms, the simple star has captured our hearts and crept into interiors beyond Christmas time. So here's a few ideas for the festive season and beyond:

Practical and stylish, make an entrance with this new version of the coir star door mat in charcoal (£25 Graham & Green) - see opposite page.

And these mesh stars caught my eye for their slightly imperfect artisan quality. They look great as they are, but what's really clever is you can pop things inside them. Try fairy



Polly Gibbs, Creative Director at Coco Design, shares her down to earth approach to interiors, from design secrets to trends and everything in between.





G&G Three Star Doormat



Nkuku Chatari Mesh Star

lights for a star shaped lamp, florists dried oranges for a scented Christmas decoration, small baubles would add reflective charm, or half fill with straw, top with toy animals and a manger et voila, a unique nativity scene. Or...think outside the 'star' and suspend mini tree

decorations from them. Beyond the festive season they'd look lovely in the garden, tucked within a border, on a fence, or lined with moss and plants for a star shaped display (bear in mind they will weather). Back indoors arrange Lego

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characters for a kids room, insert 70s polaroid photos for a vintage look, or display them just as they are. The possibilities are endless. Oh, and they can be wall-hung as well. (From £39.95 Nkuku) Psst: sign up for the Nkuku newsletter and get 20% off.

Also by Nkuku are these little gems, (pictured right - star pots) that'll make your desk rock. So simple but really effective; they'd make a great gift for the super organised, or those of us who need a little help with that (From £12.95 Nkuku).

I bought this oversized 1m star, in the opening image on page 36, from The White Company a few years ago and still enjoy it. For eons I dreamt of a wooden floor with oversized, floor-standing pieces propped against the wall, making this star the perfect piece for the study. Here, I've teamed it up with a vintage oak stool and chunky throw from Soho Home, Book pictures from Kelly



Abesso Star Pots

Hoppen, Geo throw from Rosara and matt black walls. Since sharing the image on instagram I've had

so many requests as to where to buy the star and at last I can report that the show-stopping bestseller is

available once more at The White Company. Designed in-house

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and made from silver glass beads, hand-threaded around a sturdy metal frame, it has a subtle reflective quality. Featuring a white organza tie ready to hang in a large window, on a wall or above the fireplace for a contemporary statement. If you love it, buy it before it goes! (£65 The White Company).

With a retro feel, these star dining/study chairs are comfortable while making a design statement. Also available in off-white so you can mix the two for a cool monochrome scheme (£135 RSG).

Part ornament part art, this candle holder will add instant pizzazz to a display. Team it up with the Midas Hand Sculpture and a stack of your favourite books for a stylish still life (£18 Abigail Ahern). Sign up to Abigail's newsletter for 10% off your first order.

These are on my radar! (See opposite page). Original tin stars imported directly from the Amish community in Lancaster County, PA. Upcycled from tin roofs, some come with paint and wear giving an extra touch of charm. Cluster a few together on a sideboard, kitchen counter



or group several on a wall instead of pictures.

Alternatively, remove the glass and backing from a picture frame and pop it around just one star, or nestle a single star among framed art for a little twist.

Each colour has its own powerful meaning; Black means protection, Blue means peace, calmness and spirituality, while white means purity, power of the moon and free flowing energy. (From £21.60 Tramps).

How divine are these Hex tiles - shown

Star dining chair

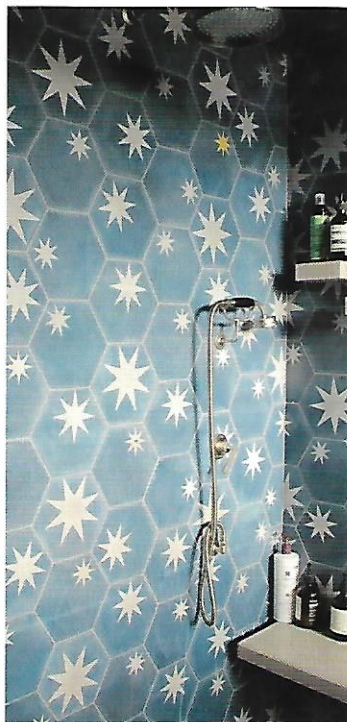


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here in a walk-in shower by Charles Tashima Architecture; the navy and gold work perfectly together like bread and butter. Founded by two

Americans based in Marrakech, Popham brings a contemporary edge to traditional Moroccan cement tiles with striking, graphic



patterns. The production process is admirably eco-friendly too, with all materials sourced locally and every tile finished in a more energy

efficient hydraulic press, rather than kiln-fired.

Curious for more star inspo? Hop over to my Pinterest board for more ideas: @Curious\_Coco

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